



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Dennis J. Flaherty was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on July 16, 1951, to John and Helen Flaherty who immigrated from Galway, Ireland; and

WHEREAS: Dennis grew up in Saint Paul and graduated from Saint Paul Central High School; and

WHEREAS: Dennis began his career as a police officer in the City of Brooklyn Center on May 28, 1974; and

WHEREAS: Dennis joined the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association as a board member in 1982; and

WHEREAS: Dennis retired from the Brooklyn Center Police Department on October 26, 1985, due to injuries sustained while on duty; and

WHEREAS: Dennis became the Executive Director of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association on July 1, 1986; and

WHEREAS: Dennis left the Executive Director position to become Deputy Mayor of the City of Saint Paul in 2002; and

WHEREAS: Dennis returned to his role as Executive Director of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association in 2008; and

WHEREAS: Dennis played an integral role in the development of the Minnesota Police Officers Memorial, the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association Legal Defense Fund, and the Police Officer Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS: Dennis has been a tireless advocate for law enforcement officers in Minnesota and an ambassador for Minnesota's law enforcement community to all Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 2, 2017, as:

DENNIS FLAHERTY DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of June.




GOVERNOR